



4TH DISTRICT COUNTY SUPERVISOR

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Fall/Winter 2017 Newsletter

Proudly Representing Milwaukee's Near South Side And Bay View Neighborhoods



Please Join Me for a **Town Hall Meeting**

Supervisor Dimitrijevic invites you to join her and Supervisor Jason Haas to discuss the 2018 Milwaukee County Budget.

Thursday, November 2 • 6-7 p.m.
South Shore Pavilion
2900 South Shore Dr.

Marina's SEED Program Blooms



SEED PROJECT
Sowing, Empowering and Eliminating Deserts of Food



Marina joins Joe Walsh at the Cupertino Community Garden made possible by her SEED legislation. Marina planted her own garden plot for the second year with neighbors. Community gardening improves local healthy food options while uniting our neighborhood and protecting our environment together.

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you and your family are enjoying this beautiful fall. This past year has been full of great changes. Due to the legislature's changes to the Milwaukee County Board, we have had fewer resources to serve you with. However, I remain committed to bringing improvements to our neighborhoods and being a strong voice for our shared values.

Our community cares about our county parks which is why I worked to make sure these great resources are improved for all to enjoy. As you will read, we celebrated the re-opening of Pulaski Park Pavilion after many years of being boarded up. Soon, new futsal courts will be installed and many enhancements will fuel the renaissance of this park.

The South Shore Park parking lot upgrade was completed this year and we hope that the new rain gardens will help improve the quality of the water, leading to fewer beach closures. The new lakefront walkway was busy all summer long and is a wonderful new investment. I worked in last year's budget process to deliver these county resources to our district and hope to see you at my budget town hall listening session on November 2.

It is my honor to serve you and I look forward to seeing you in your neighborhood soon!

Sincerely,

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Marina Dimitrijevic
Milwaukee County Supervisor
District 4



Marina speaking at the July ribbon cutting for the South Shore Park improvements. See page 2 for more details about these significant public investments.

If you would like to receive periodic updates on County news and events in the community, please sign up for my e-newsletter at:

www.milwaukee.gov/dimitrijevic

What Do You Think? Share your thoughts with me.

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County Investments in Our Parks Pay Off

South Shore Beach and Park Upgrades Pushed by Sup. Dimitrijevic Complete

In July, alongside community and neighborhood groups like the Friends of South Shore Park, we celebrated the completion of significant public investments in South Shore Park.

The 2017 Milwaukee County budget allocated \$1,200,000 for reconstruction of the existing parking lot and boat launch, new storm water treatment systems, amenities like boat wash and fish cleaning facilities, improved beach management, and new landscaping. Upgrades now provide better access to the water's edge, and storm water best management practices and wildlife controls will improve near-shore water quality and decrease the number of days of beach water quality advisories. Pedestrian and bike trails will also see improvements.

Dimitrijevic proposed an amendment to the 2015 Milwaukee County budget that set aside \$1.6 million for South Shore Park improvements, and later proposed an additional \$1.2 million investment in the 2017 budget.

The investments are expected to vastly improve water quality, reduce the number of beach closures, improve amenities and enhance the overall experience of neighbors and visitors. Supervisor Dimitrijevic has made improving water quality at South Shore Beach a top priority since she was first elected in 2004. Among several initiatives over the past 13 years, including upgrades to the pavilion, her efforts led Milwaukee County to invest \$2.8 million since 2015 for green infrastructure improvements and other upgrades to amenities at



"County budget after budget I have consistently fought and was successful in bringing county resources to our district with a long-term goal of reopening South Shore Beach for everyone to enjoy. South Shore Park has gone through a significant renovation and the revitalization can easily be seen from the new lakefront walk with rain gardens to the South Shore Beer Terrace."

South Shore Park, all of which are nearing completion. One of the goals of the South Shore project is to remove the beach from many "10 worst" lists.

Pulaski Park Pavilion Reopened, More Improvements on the Way!

After 10 years of closure, Supervisor Dimitrijevic worked with neighbors to introduce and adopt a county budget amendment bringing county funds to reopen the Pulaski Park Pavilion for all to use. Improvements to the 1930's era pavilion include repairs to the interior and exterior, and bringing the entire 5,000 square foot facility up to code. Interior repairs include new bathroom plumbing fixtures, ADA compliant bathrooms, a new drinking fountain, installation of new light fixtures, and a fresh paint job for the community room. Lead pipes and asbestos have been removed.



Above: A digital rendering of the future landscape of Pulaski Park. We look forward to a widened, natural river, a new bridge, and new recreational equipment for all to enjoy.

Right: Travis Hope, President of the Kinnickinnic River Neighbors in Action, County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, and Alderman José Pérez celebrate the grand reopening of Pulaski Park Pavilion and look forward to the great improvements coming to our neighborhood and park.

The restored Pulaski Park pavilion will be accessible year-round to the public for all manner of events, such as neighborhood group meetings, summer camp events, and community gatherings. Residents will be able to reserve the space for functions through the County Parks Department. Supervisor Dimitrijevic spearheaded efforts through budget amendments which have secured hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding for the repairs and upgrades in the park.

"My hope is that these renovations act as a catalyst for the renaissance of Pulaski Park and that neighbors will take advantage of these amenities to reinvigorate their community spirit," said Supervisor Dimitrijevic. "The Southside of Milwaukee is vibrant and with the mix of diversity and old world charm, we are on the move."

Marina Moves for Funding for Futsal Courts in Partnership with MMSD

At the March neighborhood meeting, Marina provided community members an opportunity to learn about a new "futsal" court that could replace or add to the existing tennis courts, improvements to the Pulaski Park indoor swimming pool (twice previously scheduled for closure), as well as improvements in flood control for the park. Her leadership helped secure county funds to bring this exciting new amenity to our neighborhood for all ages to enjoy.

The Milwaukee County Parks Department is working with MMSD on the Kinnickinnic watershed plan to reduce flood risk. As part of the larger plan, a new pedestrian bridge, playground, and basketball courts will be constructed. Removal of the concrete lining along the river and enhancement of the trails will also take place starting in May 2018 with an expected completion date near the end of 2019.

Marina in Our Community

South Shore Terrace Pours Revenue into Our Parks



Marina speaks at the opening of the South Shore Terrace Beer Garden as County Executive Chris Abele and Parks Director John Dargle look on.



Deputy County Clerk Dostanic and Supervisors Haas and Dimitrijevic support the Friends of Humboldt Park by participating in the Bocce Ball benefit.



Marina proudly stands in front of one of the Mamava lactation stations made possible by her legislative work to make Milwaukee County a more family friendly place, especially for nursing mothers. These stations can be found at the zoo, airport, courthouse and many more county facilities.



Supervisors Haas and Dimitrijevic enjoyed speaking with constituents at the Bay View Bash this September.



Supervisor Dimitrijevic speaks at the signing of her non-discrimination ordinance, which declares that Milwaukee County is open and welcome to all. This legislation seeks to bring our community together, not divide it.



Marina and her family celebrate Independence Day by walking in the Humboldt Park 4th of July Parade.



Marina and her son love Chill on the Hill and proudly support the Bay View Neighborhood Association!



Your Ideas Matter

Part of my role as your elected representative is to try to solve community problems and improve our community's quality of life. I want to hear your ideas on what we can do better in Milwaukee County. You have the power to help create change – let's work together to strengthen our neighborhoods! Please communicate your ideas to me via phone, mail or email. I can't wait to hear from you and work on turning your ideas into forward-thinking and innovative legislation.

What ideas do you have to make Milwaukee County a better place for all of us? Please let me know your ideas in these specific areas:

- Housing
- Public Safety
- Wages & Income
- County Parks
- County Transit
- Senior Services
- Arts & Culture
- Revenue & Funding



The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is excited to announce the launch of Polco, an innovative community engagement platform for neighbors to directly influence Milwaukee County's decision-making process! We have already started posting questions to the community that you can answer by going to <https://polco.us/milwaukeecounty> today, and creating an account.



Your Opinion Counts! *Detach this and mail (or send an e-mail) to:*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee Public Museum Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County Transit Routes Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Marina to speak or meet with your organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription Discount Program Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Bikes on Buses Brochure | |

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